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| In re Application of: | ) : | Examiner: J. C. Wang |
| HIROKI YONEZAWA, ET AL. | ) : | Group Art Unit: 2628 |
| Application No.: 10/684,401 | ) : | Confirmation No.: 4363 |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD | ) : ) | January 16, 2008 |

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: